

Remarks

This Amendment and Response is considered fully responsive to the 22 February 2010 Final Office Action. Claims 1-7, 12-14, 16, 17, 20-33, 38, 39, 41 and 44-55 were pending in the application. Claims 16, 17, 20, 21, 41, 44, 51, 52, 54 and 55 stand rejected while claims 1-7, 12-14, 22-33, 38, 39, 45-50 and 53 are indicated as allowed.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview held on 24 May 2010, whereby the Examiner and Applicant agreed upon the filing of this Amendment and Response to expedite prosecution to issuance. As such, claims 16, 17, 20, 21, 41, 44, 51, 52, 54 and 55 have been cancelled for this purpose. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute any cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments, Applicant requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes no further fees or petitions are required, but should any fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-5063 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

May 24, 2010

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